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Subject: Annual EEC Income Eligibility Table Update

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Synopsis: Updates State Median Income Level for State Fiscal Year 2020

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Supersedes: To the extent the policies and information contained in this EMB conflict with the EEC Financial Assistance Policy Guide (effective date March 1, 2019), the policies contained herein shall govern.

Introduction:

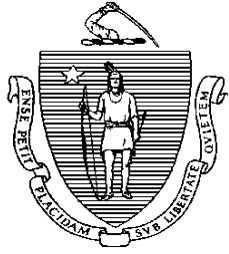
In June 2008, Department of Early Education and Care ("EEC") was authorized by its Board to annually update the State Median Income ("SMI") level, which is used to determine income eligibility for families seeking EEC financial assistance for child care.

Amended Policy:

By annually updating the EEC Income Eligibility Table, EEC adjusts income eligibility thresholds to account for annual cost of living increases. EEC will incorporate the updates to the SMI for State Fiscal Year 2020 into the Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA) application, effective October 1, 2019. In addition, a copy of the updated EEC Income Eligibility Table has been posted on EEC's website. Please understand that families currently enrolled in early education and care programs through the EEC financial assistance system (e.g., vouchers or contracts) will not be affected by this change until their next reassessment. There is no need to contact families currently in care regarding this SMI adjustment.

Please note that EEC has removed 100% SMI from the FY2020 Income Eligibility Table. This SMI level has been removed since families may no longer remain in care up to 100% SMI under the regulations and policies that took effect March 1, 2019. The following waiver detailed in the Financial Assistance Policy Guide Chapter 4.2 continues to remain in effect: "Families with Special Needs/Disabilities who were Reauthorized for care prior to March 1, 2019 but whose income exceeds 85% of the SMI, as allowable under prior regulations, may continue in care until the end of the Family's current Authorization. Such Families may not be Reauthorized again unless the total gross household income is at or below 85% of the SMI."

Appendix: EEC FY2020 Income Eligibility Table



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FY2020 INCOME ELIGIBILITY TABLE (*EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019*)

Use This Form to Determine Family Eligibility:

1. Find the column with the family's size written at the top.
2. Read down the column until you come to the correct income (either annual or monthly).
3. Then read directly across to the left to determine "Percent of State Median Income."
4. Please refer to relevant SMI Percentage (i.e. initial vs. reassessment - OR - special needs) to determine the family's eligibility.

% of State Median Income (SMI)	Family of Two		Family of Three		Family of Four		Family of Five		Family of Six		Family of Seven	
	Annual	Monthly*	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
50% SMI	\$40,713	\$3,393	\$50,292	\$4,191	\$59,872	\$4,989	\$69,452	\$5,788	\$79,031	\$6,586	\$80,827	\$6,736
85% SMI	\$69,212	\$5,768	\$85,497	\$7,125	\$101,782	\$8,482	\$118,068	\$9,839	\$134,353	\$11,196	\$137,406	\$11,451

% of State Median Income (SMI)	Family of Eight		Family of Nine		Family of Ten		Family of Eleven		Family of Twelve	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
50% SMI	\$82,623	\$6,885	\$84,420	\$7,035	\$86,216	\$7,185	\$88,012	\$7,334	\$89,808	\$7,484
85% SMI	\$140,460	\$11,705	\$143,513	\$11,959	\$146,567	\$12,214	\$149,620	\$12,468	\$152,674	\$12,723

*To calculate a monthly income from a weekly income multiply by 4.33.

*To calculate a monthly income from a bi-weekly income multiply by 2.17.

EFFECTIVE October 1, 2019